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Treasury considers luxury homes tax Tax okayed on cars, business inventories

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The controversial 2 per cent tax motorists will face the next time they renew their vehicle licences was approved yesterday. It was given the go-ahead by the Ministerial Economic Committee, although it has still to go through regular legislative procedures.

The average 2 per cent tax will be based on a table drawn up by the Treasury (and published by *The Jerusalem Post* on September 26). Payments are according to the model year of the vehicle and its engine size.

A 1984 car with an engine size of 1,000cc. will be subject to a tax of \$175. Motorists with cars in the 1,750cc. to 3,000cc. class will have to pay \$656 and licences for cars with even larger motors will cost a maximum of \$1,252.

The tax can be paid in a lump sum or in deferred payments linked to the bill.

The committee also approved a tax on inventories, machines and buildings owned by companies, although certain ministers doubted whether it would be possible to make the levy effective and most of them requested exemptions for large sections of the economy.

It was also decided to impose a 2 per cent tax on owners of private boats and aircraft. If approved this would be payable in four equal payments during the year.

Companies will pay a 1 per cent levy on inventories and 0.5 per cent on their machines and buildings. Corporations will be requested to submit a declaration to the tax authorities within 45 days of the bill being approved and officially published, containing the value of stocks, machines and buildings.



Secretary of State George Shultz, left, greets Prime Minister Peres in Washington yesterday. In centre background is Samuel Lewis, U.S. ambassador to Israel. (UPI telephoto)

Peres tells Shultz: Israel can't scrimp on defence Due to confer with Reagan today

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — On the eve of his summit today with President Reagan at the White House, Prime Minister Shimon Peres told Secretary of State George Shultz that additional cuts in the Israeli economy beyond the already proposed \$1 billion would undermine Israel's national defence.

Peres is expected to reiterate that point at the session with Reagan, insisting that Israel's value as a strategic military asset to the U.S. would be weakened if additional budget cuts were forced.

At the meeting with Shultz, Peres said the proposed \$1 billion budget cut represents the maximum reduction in the non-military section of the budget. The prime minister noted that any additional cuts would, therefore, have to come from the defence budget.

According to Israeli officials, Peres informed Shultz that the national unity government has no intention of reducing the defence budget any further. "This would be very dangerous," an Israeli official who participated in the Peres-Shultz meeting later told reporters.

Peres did most of the talking during the approximately 90 minutes of discussions yesterday devoted to the economy. About one hour was earlier spent on the situation in South Lebanon.

Israeli officials said Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy reported on additional — and some previously unrevealed — details of his recent swing through the Middle East, especially on the mood in Syria.

Other matters are expected to be raised during the many additional working sessions scheduled for today and tomorrow morning.

Joining Peres was Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Israeli officials said, however, that Peres did almost all the talking, occasionally referring a question to Shamir.

U.S. and Israeli officials yesterday said it was still unclear whether Reagan intends to announce any new financial assistance for Israel at the conclusion of the White House meeting today.

While Peres and other Israeli officials insisted last week that they do not intend to seek an emergency supplemental aid package during the visit, Israeli officials yesterday indicated strongly that the prime minister did in fact raise some specific sums which Israel would need in the near future.

The U.S. is expected to make available by the end of this month the entire \$1.2 billion in economic assistance for Israel just passed by Congress. Such aid is normally provided in quarterly payments over the course of a year. This direct cash transfer, U.S. officials said, should help ease Israel's immediate cash-flow problems.

In the meeting with Shultz, Israeli officials said, Peres said Israel had made some serious economic mistakes in the past but that the new government is determined to correct them.

Regarding the situation in South Lebanon, U.S. and Israeli officials agreed that the gap separating the Israeli and Syrian positions is still wide, especially over the future role of the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army under the command of Gen. Antoine Lahad.

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Mubarak in brief visit with Hussein today

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is due in Amman today for a meeting with King Hussein, less than two weeks after Jordan restored diplomatic ties, severed when Egypt signed its peace treaty with Israel more than five years ago.

The visit was announced in Amman and Cairo yesterday by the respective countries' information ministers. The announcements said the visit would be "brief" and that Mubarak would be meeting with Hussein. It gave no details.

Egyptian presidential adviser Osama al-Baz said last night that Egypt's obligations to the Arabs take precedence over its obligations to Israel under the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty. Al-Baz, who arrived in Amman to prepare Mubarak's visit, was quoted on Jordan Television.

Al-Baz said that this is Egypt's attitude regarding all its international obligations, even with the big powers. Egypt, he said, would not permit the peace treaty to be a barrier to its obligations towards the Arabs.

The adviser said that Israel was a danger not just to the Middle East, but to the whole world.

Egypt has remained faithful to Arab strategy and to Arab national security, as it is part of the Arab world, he said.

Mubarak's first official visit to one of the 17 Arab states that severed relations with Cairo in 1979 — apart from a brief condolence visit to Saudi Arabia when King Khaled died in 1982 — is an event no less significant than Amman's decision last month to defy Arab opinion and restore formal ties with Egypt.

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It is, first and foremost, a pointed act of defiance — particularly on the part of Jordan — to those Arab states, led by Syria, which condemned Hussein's move last month.

Syria warned that Hussein was following the path taken by the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and that his fate would be the same — a warning that Hussein appears at pains to show he is not taking too seriously, probably bolstered by the fact that the criticism by most Arab states was extremely mild.

The visit might also be seen as a signal of sorts to Jerusalem, with Mubarak's alacrity in arranging a summit with Hussein contrasting starkly with his refusal last month to accept Prime Minister Shimon Peres's proposal for an Egyptian-Israeli summit.

Peres sent a letter to Mubarak. It was disclosed in Cairo yesterday. Foreign ministry sources said the letter was delivered by Israeli Ambassador Moshe Sasson to Butros Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs. An Israeli Embassy official confirmed the report but declined to say anything about the letter's contents. The letter was the latest in a series of messages and

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Manufacturers and hoteliers hit proposed inventory tax

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Manufacturers' Association and the Histadrut's Eivrat Ha'Ovdim holding company yesterday condemned the proposed tax on inventory, equipment and buildings.

Hoteliers also criticized a similar tax to be applied to them.

Arnon Tiberg, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, said that the tax was in direct contradiction to recent promises by the economic ministers. The same contention was made by Ben Rabinovitch, director of operations of Eivrat Ha'Ovdim.

Tiberg pointed out that a government decision to levy the tax would force industrialists to raise prices. "We cannot possibly absorb this tax. Our financial statements are almost uniform in showing losses."

Due to the imposition of price controls on some items, exports would suffer, Tiberg said. He said that exporters often "subsidize their exports by charging slightly higher prices on the local market. They no longer can do this, causing a drop in the profitability of exports."

Meanwhile, hoteliers yesterday announced they would fight the proposed tax in the Knesset Finance Committee.

The tax on hotels will damage those who bring much-needed dollars and other foreign currency into Israel, the hoteliers protested.

Israel Hotel Association President Maurice Cassouto said that a hotel cannot be compared to an industrial structure, because hotels are built to be luxurious to attract tourists.

"Hotel owners will now be penalized for building expensive hotels, while this luxury is what raked the dollars in," he said.

Cassouto told *The Jerusalem Post* that hoteliers are fuming at Tourism Minister Avraham Shari, who instead of representing them in the economic ministerial committee meeting which decided on the tax, has been abroad for the past two weeks.

It was learned that Israel's 300 hotels will have to pay \$8 million if the tax is approved. Each hotel would have to pay an average of \$20,000 and some \$10,000 on equipment.

Price-monitoring to continue today

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 400 volunteers representing the Histadrut's consumer protection authority together with inspectors from the Ministry of Industry and Trade will continue their price-monitoring campaign today. They will try to find shops where prices have been raised illegally following last week's order placing scores of items under price control.

According to Kol Yisrael, more than half the shops visited by inspectors yesterday were selling at least some items above approved prices.

The main effort was centered on Tel Aviv. A check of downtown Jerusalem, where there is a shortage of inspectors, suggested that the first day of the anti-price-gouging drive had hardly been felt.

A spokesman for the city's shopkeepers' organization said: "After all the hoopla, we were bracing for an invasion by hundreds of so-called price inspectors sent by the Histadrut. But instead of a bang we heard only a whimper."

At the Amapa shop on lower Jaffa Road, the director of the Jerusalem office of the Industry and Trade Ministry came to investigate a shopper's complaint about a change in refrigerator prices, and on Rehov Shlomzion Hamalka a few of his inspectors were asking about prices in some furniture stores.

"We have nothing against government employees doing their job, and we shall cooperate with them. But we will have nothing to do with the Histadrut's price vigilantes, and we

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Volunteer inspectors check prices yesterday in the Ramat Eshkol Superstore. (Scoop-RU)

Six killed as Iraq renews Gulf attacks

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Iraqi warplanes broke a 23-day lull in the tanker war with Iran yesterday by firing a French-built Exocet missile into the Liberian-registered supertanker World Knight and killing six crewmen, marine salvage sources reported.

Six other seamen were injured in the attack, which set the 254,000-ton vessel ablaze, they said.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesman said "two large naval targets" were attacked southwest of Iran's Kharg Island oil shipping terminal.

But Bahrain-based marine shipping and salvage executives who keep close track of Gulf traffic said only one ship was hit. They said that their radio operators picked up a Mayday signal "we are under attack, we are on fire," from the World Knight at 11:30 a.m.

Alert at Israeli Embassy in Nicosia

NICOSIA (AP). — Police sealed off a section of the main shopping street in front of the Israeli Embassy for an hour here yesterday following a bomb scare.

The report came only four days after a bomb went off in the car park of the apartment building housing the embassy. That bomb caused slight damage but no casualties.

Police officers on the scene said the scare followed the discovery by residents of what they considered a suspicious bag next to the rubbish bins.

Armed police and members of the bomb-disposal squad who rushed to the spot searched the area and determined the bag was harmless, the police said.

During the search Makarios Avenue, the capital's main shopping and business avenue, was partially cordoned off.

Mondale 'breathes new life' into battle against Reagan

NEW YORK. — Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale emerged from his first debate with President Ronald Reagan Sunday night confident that he had breathed new life into his underdog campaign.

"I feel very good... I had a chance tonight to make my case and help the American people compare the two of us," Mondale told supporters after the televised encounter in Louisville, Kentucky, the first of two debates scheduled before the November 6 election. Polls after the debate showed Mondale the winner of the confrontation (story page 4).

Mondale flew to New York yesterday to join vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro in a Columbus Day parade down Fifth Avenue. His aides talked of turning a corner and waging an October offensive despite polls, taken before the debate, that show Reagan leading by up to 30 percentage points.

Reagan was circumspect afterwards, wondering whether the points he wanted to make came across to the millions who watched.

"In this debate, I really wanted to show that government is big enough already... I know I said it but I don't know if it registered," Reagan told a post-debate rally in Louisville.

Mondale's campaign manager said the challenger cleared an important hurdle in the campaign by showing he could take charge in a confrontation with Reagan, known as a skilful user of television.

"What we did tonight was destroy the Republican argument that there is no election. That they have a superhero against a dishrag of a guy," said Mondale's deputy press secretary.

Behind the Mondale camp's excitement lay a nagging worry: was it enough and in time to turn the tables on the immensely popular Republican president with just four weeks to go before election day?

White House chief of staff James Baker said: "The president was more tentative. He wasn't as strong and clear as usual."

Yesterday in a campaign rally in Charlotte, North Carolina, Reagan predicted that on November 6, the American people will "tell Coach Tax Hike and his tax hike team to head for the showers." The U.S. federal budget deficit is expected to amount to \$170 billion this year and the question of how to reduce it has been a major campaign issue. (Reuters, AP).

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COPENHAGEN	11	15	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	9	13	Cloudy
GENEVA	9	13	Cloudy
HONG KONG	23	28	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	11	15	Cloudy
LONDON	9	13	Cloudy
MADRID	9	13	Cloudy
MONTREAL	3	7	Cloudy
NEW YORK	3	7	Cloudy
PARIS	9	13	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	23	28	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	11	15	Cloudy
TORONTO	3	7	Cloudy
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Golan	27	14-20	31
Nabatieh	27	14-20	31
Safed	27	14-20	31
Haifa	27	14-20	31
Tiberias	27	14-20	31
Nazareth	27	14-20	31
Afula	27	14-20	31
Sharon	27	14-20	31
Tel Aviv	27	14-20	31
B-G Airport	27	14-20	31
Jericho	27	14-20	31
Gaza	27	14-20	31
Beersheva	27	14-20	31
Eilat	27	14-20	31

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday received 600 Ra'anana senior citizens who made a pre-Succot pilgrimage to Jerusalem, accompanied by acting Ra'anana Mayor Haim Ben-Haim and members of the city council.

Bnai Brith in Israel yesterday officially launched its year of activities and volunteer service with a garden party hosted by Sallie Lewis, wife of the U.S. ambassador, at her home in Herzliya Pituah.

Maccabi TA wins in spectacular late recovery

By DON GOULD
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Champions Maccabi Tel Aviv fought back from a 10-point deficit with only 7½ minutes left for play, and beat their arch-rival Hapoel Ramat Gan by 90 to 84 last night in the National Basketball League at Yad Elihu.

Maccabi coach Zvi Sherf gained the upper hand over Hapoel Ramat Gan's coach Arye Maliniak, the man Sherf has recently replaced as national team coach.

Maccabi Tel Aviv was helped by the spectacular performance of Kevin Magee, who scored 35 points, 24 of them in the second half, and by an almost flawless performance by Lou Silver, who scored 24 points.

The National League referees ended their strike and officiated at all of last night's games.

No rape charge for nonagenarian

NAZARETH (Itim). — An indictment for rape against a 92-year-old man was dismissed yesterday by District Court Judge Micha Lindenshtaus here, after the defendant was brought into his office dragging his legs, supported by two people and breathing with difficulty.

The prosecutor told the judge that in light of the defendant's health and age she was withdrawing the charge. But a 31-year-old co-defendant will stand trial.

Abdul-Rahman Nazal, 92, of the village Kabariya and Faiz Zuabi, 31, of the village Dulan, were charged with rape through deceit of a patient who had escaped from the psychiatric ward of the Afula hospital.

The prosecution charged that in May of last year Zuabi met the patient in Afula and suggested she come to his workplace, where he was employed as a guard. There he allegedly took her to a store room and raped her. Nazal allegedly then entered the store room and raped the woman.

Since the woman was a mental patient, the two were charged with rape through deceit.

Zuabi pleaded not guilty to the charge and his trial was postponed to a later date.

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HOME NEWS

Trade deficit down 21% from 1983 as exports grow

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
Israel's trade deficit totalled \$2.2 billion during the first nine months of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. Since the deficit totalled some \$2.7 billion during the same period in 1983, the excess of imports of goods over exports dropped by some 21 per cent.

The reduction in the deficit was achieved despite the fact that the excess of imports for September showed an increase over its level in previous months. Excluding diamonds, aircraft and ships, the trade deficit last month was 10 per cent higher than for July and August.

The drop for the first nine months was achieved mainly through a 14 per cent increase in exports during

the January-September period. Sales of merchandise abroad totalled \$3.9 billion during the period, as compared with \$3.4 b. last year.

Industrial exports continued to show a rapid recovery after last year's slump. During the first nine months of the year some \$2.7 billion worth of industrial goods were exported, as compared with \$2.3 billion in the similar period in 1983, a 17 per cent increase.

According to CBS figures, exports of industrial goods were even higher during the third quarter of the year relative to their level in the first half of 1984. Industrial exports excluding diamonds were 6.5 per cent higher during the third quarter of the year than the monthly average for January-June.

Liberals consulting on new Herut accord

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Members of the Liberal presidium have begun unofficial consultations on reaching a new agreement governing relations between the Liberals and Herut, Liberal sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The consultations are very limited at this stage because the Liberals are still deadlocked on whether to stay with Herut in the Likud or to break up the Likud and to form an independent faction.

Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin demanded at an urgent meeting of the presidium which he called Sunday night that the Liberals form an independent faction.

Finance Minister and Liberal Party leader Yitzhak Moda'i hesitated to commit himself at the presidium meeting, but Liberal sources said Moda'i tends towards leaving the Likud.

Knesset member Pessah Grupper strongly supported Dulzin's position, while Science and Development Minister Gideon Patai also supported leaving the Likud, but "with reservations," according to a participant in the meeting.

Those favouring separation stressed the "shabby" way Herut had treated the Liberals in cutting their allocation of places on the Likud Knesset list and thereby breaking the 19-year-old Gahal agreement.

The presidium members finally agreed not to reach a decision until Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir returns from the U.S. and they discuss with him the points of disagreement between Herut and the Liberals.

However, a number of reliable Liberal sources told The Post that the Liberals are not likely to split the Likud up at this stage and that no move has been made to convene the party institutions to decide on such a step. They all agreed, nonetheless, that the present situation is "explosive" and that a better agreement with Herut must be fought for.

Rabin discusses Sukmour with leaders of Peace Now

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Those responsible for the massacre in Sukmour are being held in Southern Lebanon and the Israel Defence Forces will see to it they are not released without a decision by Israel, defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

His remarks were reported by a Peace Now spokesman after Rabin met with a group of the movement's leaders.

Rabin reportedly told the delegation that the massacre of 13 Shi'ite villagers by Druse soldiers of the South Lebanon Army was "shocking," but that the IDF had drawn the appropriate conclusions regarding security measures and about its continuing cooperation with the SLA.

A legal problem exists in the matter of bringing the killers to trial, said

Rabin, adding that he expects to receive a formal opinion on the matter from the attorney-general within a few days.

The defence minister told the Peace Now leaders that he shares their movement's views on the unsustainability of Jewish settlement in Hebron and additional settlements in Judea and Samaria. But he told them he doubts his positions will be accepted by the cabinet, the spokesman said.

The Peace Now leaders, according to their spokesman, took strong exception to Rabin's statement, arguing that anything less than a tough stand against further settlement is doomed. Peace Now will struggle against any decision that means expanding Jewish settlement in Hebron or the territories, they told the minister.

Numeiri: Arabs can't beat Israel in war

KUWAIT (AP). — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri was quoted yesterday as advising the Arabs to drop the military option in dealing with Israel "because Israel's defeat militarily is impossible."

In an interview with the newspaper Al-Anba, he also contended that all the Arabs have "already accepted the principle of peace" with the Jewish state since they endorsed the 1982 Fez Plan, put forward by an Arab summit conference in Morocco for a comprehensive

peace with Israel.

"The Arabs are incapable of defeating Israel militarily... we can only defeat Israel through a method of peace," Numeiri said.

Numeiri praised Jordan's king Hussein for his decision to resume diplomatic relations with Egypt in defiance of an Arab boycott of Cairo.

"I hope all other Arab countries will follow suit and re-establish ties with Egypt," said Numeiri.

Bid to remove underground supporters

By MYRA NOVECK
Members of the religious peace groups Oz Veshalom and Netivot Shalom who belong to the National Religious Party have wired Hapoel Hamizrahi secretary-general Rafael Ben-Natan asking him to remove groups supporting Jewish underground defendants from Hapoel Hamizrahi local headquarters in Jerusalem.

"There is great bitterness among members of Hapoel Hamizrahi who do not at all identify with the under-

ground," said one Oz Veshalom activist.

The organizations Laor and the Action Committee for the Defendants and Their Families have been using the address and office space of Hapoel Hamizrahi at Beit Hapoel free of charge.

Prof. Joseph Walk, local Oz Veshalom chairman, said the underground supporters should not be allowed to use the space "lest it be interpreted as Hapoel Hamizrahi identifying with the underground."

Terrorist's relatives protest in France

MARSEILLES (AFP). — Relatives and friends of Francoise Kastman, a French terrorist who was killed by an Israeli Defence Forces soldier on September 23 in South Lebanon, demonstrated yesterday afternoon on the main street of Marseilles to demand the return of her body, which apparently has remained in Sidon.

The protesters gave out handbills calling for participation in a demonstration tonight in front of the Israeli consulate here.

Kastman was killed when she and four other terrorists in a rubber boat heading for Israel were intercepted by an Israeli Navy gunboat. She was killed in a gunbattle with IDF soldiers on shore.

UK asks S. African dissidents to leave

LONDON (Reuter). — Britain yesterday told three South African dissidents sheltering in the British consulate in Durban that it would like them to leave as soon as possible. But the Foreign Office reiterated the dissidents would not be evicted. Instead, it was hoping they would leave voluntarily. But the three dissidents plan to stay in the consulate indefinitely after the South African Supreme Court dismissed appeals yesterday against orders for their detention without trial.

Farouk Meer, representing the three in the consulate and three

others arrested as they left the building on Saturday, said the sit-in would go on.

The six men, leading opponents of South Africa's apartheid policy of racial segregation, entered the consulate three weeks ago to evade security police. Their action has severely strained relations between London and Pretoria.

FOILED — Iranian security officials foiled plans to hijack an Iran Air Boeing-727 during a domestic flight last Friday and arrested the hijacker, the national news agency Irna said yesterday.

Rabin in Symposium paper:

'A mistaken war inspired by several delusions'

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Israel Defence Forces do not have to remain in Lebanon permanently if local Lebanese forces can be strengthened and a reinforced Unifil is deployed in a security belt between the Litani and Zaharani Rivers.

This was stated last February by Yitzhak Rabin, today defence minister, at a symposium on the future of Israeli policy in Lebanon held by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies and published this week by the Centre and The Post.

Rabin said that a 35 to 40 kilometre security belt was "the least of all evils." Lebanon, he said, must be restored to its secondary role in the Middle East scene. If that can be achieved this year, there can be a return to the peace process in 1985, "despite the loss of two vital years, the heavy price and the absence of any real achievement in the Lebanon war."

Israel's main problem, said Rabin at the symposium, is to extricate itself from the political and military mess in Lebanon, the result of "a mistaken war inspired by political and strategic delusions." He said that Lebanon would not be a confrontation state in the foreseeable future, although it would continue to be a "host for terrorism."

The Shites and the Druse have pushed the Christians and the Sunnis into the background, under Syrian dominance. Lebanon will continue to exist as a state, "just so long as it is in the Syrian interest to maintain its uncertain and unwholesome structure. But it will be a different Lebanon."

THE PLO
The expulsion of Yasser Arafat from Tripoli late last year has altered the PLO almost beyond recognition, says Gabriel Ben-Dor, professor of political science at Haifa University. Dispersed and demoralized, the PLO remnant in Lebanon has been forced by events "to return to sources — to adopt once again the weapons of terror, pure and simple: the old 'hit and run' mentality."

In and around Tripoli and in the Bekaa Valley, PLO elements from "Beirut's pre-1982 terrorist international" have gathered under the direction of Syrian intelligence, with liaison to Soviet and East German advisers and access to sophisticated weapons.

SYRIA'S STRATEGY
Syria's post-1982 strategy is for the most part the very same strategy that guided it prior to 1982, says Itamar Rabinovich, professor of Middle Eastern and African studies at Tel Aviv University. President Hafez Assad's objective has been to bring Syria to a status of hegemony in Lebanon, a policy that has only accelerated since Israel's invasion.

Although Assad is not infallible, he is "a very sharp, very patient leader, with nerves of ice, who always knows how to exploit the cards in his hand to the utmost." One example of the Syrian leader's ruthlessness in pursuing his objectives in Lebanon, says Rabinovich, was the assassination of president-elect Bashir Jemayel.

A CLEAN ESCAPE
The U.S. failed to achieve its goals of stabilizing Lebanon and suffered some loss of life there, but it managed to extricate itself from the Lebanon morass in time for the November elections, says Nimrod Novik, a senior researcher at the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

The bombings of the U.S. Embassy and Marine headquarters shocked the U.S. into realizing "how futile were its hopes for stabilizing the regime, obtaining a Syrian withdrawal, and establishing a reliable Lebanese national army, not to speak of its ambitions to effect a breakthrough toward Middle East peace, reduce Soviet involvement in the region and improve Syrian-U.S. relations."

THE SOVIET UNION
Although the Middle East — and certainly Lebanon — are not Moscow's top priorities, the Soviets emerged a victor from the Lebanon war, says Galia Golan, professor of Soviet and East European Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Soviets would not go to war for Syria, but compensated the Syrians with a vast amount of weapons and an increased number of advisers.

The Soviets are interested in preventing a "Pax Americana" in the Middle East and seek to participate in negotiations to this end. They want a neutral Lebanon, but do not care if the Syrians remain there. "As long as there is no danger of escalation or of war between Israel and Syria, or of a confrontation between the Soviets and the Americans, the Soviets are indifferent whether the Syrians stay in Lebanon or not."

ISRAELI PRAXIS
Israelis are becoming jaded about the Lebanese melange of realism, surrealism and fatalism, says Uri Lubrani. A precipitous withdrawal from Lebanon would be disastrous, and Israel must maintain contact with all of Lebanon's sects to assure neighbourly relations.

Lubrani, who was Israel's ambassador to Iraq during the 1970s, stresses the importance of the Shi'ites in Southern Lebanon, but warns of the dangers of Khomeinist Shi'ite fanaticism. "We need at least sufficient patience to reach that point where we can look at ourselves in the mirror and say that we did everything we could, given our limitations, to ensure that we would not have a catastrophe in northern Israel."

The symposium was published in English this week with minimum updating. Apart from Rabin, Lebanon coordinator Uri Lubrani and five scholars took part.

Here are some of the symposium's main conclusions:

A STABLE LEBANON?
The Lebanon war accelerated an established tendency in Lebanon in favour of the Arab national movement, says Yosef Olmert of Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute for Middle Eastern and African Studies. Today it seems certain Lebanon will become another arab state and its Christian minority will be unable to oppose this trend.

Although Assad is not infallible, he is "a very sharp, very patient leader, with nerves of ice, who always knows how to exploit the cards in his hand to the utmost." One example of the Syrian leader's ruthlessness in pursuing his objectives in Lebanon, says Rabinovich, was the assassination of president-elect Bashir Jemayel.

A CLEAN ESCAPE
The U.S. failed to achieve its goals of stabilizing Lebanon and suffered some loss of life there, but it managed to extricate itself from the Lebanon morass in time for the November elections, says Nimrod Novik, a senior researcher at the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.



Buyers of the "Four Species" for Succot look carefully for flaws at a market set up in Kikar Malchei Yisrael in Tel Aviv.

Moslems score cameras in mosque

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Islamic Council in Jerusalem has protested against the installation of closed-circuit television cameras in the mosque at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron.

A spokesman for the council told Reuters he does not believe that the cameras, installed by the military government, will improve security in the mosque and said they offend Moslems. Such changes are the responsibility of Moslems, he said. Hebron Arabs have also protested.

IDF sources said the tomb is a focus of tension in the area, and the cameras were intended to prevent

any incident provoked by extremists on either side.

In another development, the head of the Hebron area village leagues, Jamil al-Amla, met yesterday with Jewish council heads in Kiryat Arba. They discussed both the stoning of Jewish vehicles on West Bank roads and the smashing of the windcreens of Arab vehicles in the Hebron area.

Both sides condemned violence and called for the military authorities to establish order in the region.

Following the meeting the Jewish council leaders accompanied Al-Amla on a tour of Kiryat Arba.

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Spanish party wants ties with Israel

MADRID (AP). — The opposition Conservative Popular Alliance yesterday called for Spain to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

The minority party introduced a proposal in the lower house of parliament asking the Socialist government to recognize the Jewish state.

The Popular Alliance proposal said all Spanish political parties have defended the principle of universality in international relations. The proposal said the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries is necessary "because the current situation has been unjustifiable for some time."

The opposition said it "makes no sense" that Egypt and Israel maintain diplomatic relations while Spain and Israel have none.

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Unifil-bound Fiji troops on off-course plane

OSLO (Reuter). — Norwegian civil aviation authorities have asked U.S. air-traffic controllers for information after an American airliner carrying 200 Fijian troops to Israel to join Unifil flew within 15 minutes of the Soviet Union, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

Two Norwegian F16 fighters were scrambled to intercept the off-course

aircraft on September 30 as it flew across northern Norway on a course for the Kola Peninsula, one of the Soviet Union's most heavily defended military areas.

Spokesmen of South Pacific Island Airways in Honolulu said it was likely the plane was a chartered SPLA Boeing 707 carrying Fijian troops to Tel Aviv via the polar route and Amsterdam.

Austrian court bars plaque at Hitler birth place

VIENNA (Reuter). — An Austrian court yesterday barred the erection of a plaque at the birth place of Adolf Hitler at Braunau, ending an argument that has split this small Austrian town on the West German border.

The row began in September 1983 when Braunau's Socialist municipal council voted to put up a marble plaque on the front of 15 Salzburger Vorstadt, a brown and white building with a baroque facade, where Hitler was born in 1889.

The plaque would have carried the words: "Never again fascism — millions of dead remind us of peace, freedom and democracy."

The present owner of the house, Gertrude Pommer, obtained a local court injunction against erecting the plaque, which she feared would attract violent demonstrations to her property. This was upheld yesterday by the district court at Ried, Upper Austria.

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But the meeting continued for nearly 2½ hours, and Peres's other scheduled meetings in the morning with Senate majority leader Howard Baker and well-known Washington attorney Max Kampelman were pushed back.

Shultz was accompanied by Ambassador Samuel Lewis and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy.

Asked after the meeting why it lasted so long, Shultz replied "We had a lot to talk about."

The secretary, smiling and clearly in good spirits, described the session as "comprehensive," adding "it went very well. The chairs and the food were very good."

Officials said there was an extensive "discussion" of the Israeli economy during this first round, with the economic minister at the Israeli Embassy, Dan Halperin, and Shultz's senior adviser on the Israeli economy, Prof. Herbert Stein, participating.

Later in the day, Stein, Halperin and other U.S. and Israeli economists and diplomats continued "sub-group" meetings at the State Department.

Peres, who also projected an upbeat note after the meeting, said Israel was "very gratified" by the reception in Washington.

After a luncheon with AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland, Peres met former Supreme Court justice Arthur Goldberg and then several U.S. newspaper columnists. Last night he was the guest at a dinner hosted by Shultz.

Since arriving in the U.S., Peres has been stressing the austerity measures Israel has already proposed in an effort to ease its economic crisis.

New York Times columnist William Safire yesterday criticized Peres for coming to Washington so quickly after forming the national unity government.

Safire, a strong conservative supporter of Israel, called for less government "domination" of the Israeli economy and proposed removing indexation and most governmental subsidies. His views are thought to reflect at least partially those of Shultz and Stein.

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TV interview programme stopped in wage protest

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For the second consecutive week the television interview programme *This is the Time* was not screened as scheduled last night.

Last week's programme did not go on the air because it was an item short. Last night's cancellation was a warning protest by administrative staffers in response to lack of progress in negotiations for wage increases and new grades.

HOME NEWS

GSS testifies secretly in Jewish terror trial

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trial of 20 accused members of the Jewish terrorist organization before the Jerusalem district court went into secret session yesterday as agents of the General Security Service began their testimony.

For the next few days the agents and the investigators who conducted the initial interrogation of the defendants will be questioned as part of the mini-trial over the admissibility of the defendants' confessions that form the basis of the prosecution's case.

The judges decided that the GSS personnel's testimony would be heard in camera to protect their identities. A suggestion that testimony be conveyed to another room by microphone was overruled, but the judges will allow protocols of the sessions to be distributed to the press.

Earlier in the day one of the senior police officers involved in the case, Assistant Commander Alex Ish-Shalom, was cross-examined by a battery of defence advocates.

Ish-Shalom confirmed that a High Court of Justice instruction that all of the defendants be asked if they wanted to undergo urine tests to try to establish if they had been drugged while in custody had not been fully carried out.

Advocate Dan Avi-Yitzhak said that four of his seven clients had not been asked at all.

Ish-Shalom was also questioned about alleged tendentious leaks to the press by the police or the GSS. He said that he was asked by his immediate commander to conduct an inquiry into the allegations that there were leaks to the press, but found no direct correlation between what was published and the information gathered during the interrogations.

Reports in the press, he said, were often inaccurate and based on speculation, but he admitted that his inquiry was based only on a comparison of the headlines of the major stories.

Woman, 80, caught burgling apartment in Jewish Quarter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An 80-year-old woman was arrested in the early hours yesterday as she was trying to burgle a Jewish Quarter apartment in Jerusalem's Old City.

According to a police spokesman, the woman, a resident of the Quarter, was caught by the flat's owners after she woke them as she went about emptying handbags, wallets and silverware drawers.

The man of the house nabbed the woman, whose name has not been released for publication, and called the police.

At first the police refused to believe the woman was a thief, but she indicated to them that it was not her first burglary. Several burglaries have in fact occurred in the Jewish Quarter in recent weeks.

She was charged yesterday in court and released on her own recognizance.

"You can't keep an 80-year-old woman in the lockup here," said a policeman in the Russian Compound, explaining the decision to release her.

Chief rabbi won't intervene in dispute over ministry

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Chief rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu yesterday rejected a plea by Shas Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Peretz that the rabbis mediate in the Shas dispute with the National Religious Party over which party should head the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The plea was made by the ultra-Orthodox Sephardi party despite the fact that the chief rabbis, and especially Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, have been identified with the NRP. Shapira was involved in negotiations between the NRP and its breakaway factions before the elections.

The ministry, nominally headed by Prime Minister Peres, was a bone of contention in the coalition negotiations, as the Likud backed Shas and the Alignment the NRP. With ministry director-general Moshe Solomon an NRP appointee, it remains in fact an NRP fiefdom.

Peretz, who called on the rabbis at their offices in Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem, spent several hours there but failed to convince them, evidently because of the severe criticism levelled against the rabbis when they undertook political missions in the past.

Three Unifil men held for smuggling

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three Ghanian soldiers from Unifil, together with a resident of East Jerusalem, were arrested yesterday by Jerusalem police for allegedly smuggling \$20,000 in electronic equipment from Lebanon.

A police spokesman said the arrests came after a taxi driver carrying one of the soldiers from Rosh Hanikra to Jerusalem became suspicious of the soldiers' "large and heavy packages," and contacted police.

The three were turned over to the Unifil military police and an East Jerusalem moneychanger, who allegedly served as their fence, was handed over to the customs authority.

Teachers bid to save jobs with deal on hours

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A one-year emergency plan to safeguard the jobs of teachers has been drawn up by the Histadrut Teachers Union. And last night Economics Minister Gad Yacobi promised union leaders he would present their proposals to the government's economic team.

The union is prepared to accept a 12-month delay on the implementation of 21,000 extra teaching hours in return for a pledge that teachers will not be fired.

They also want a commitment and target date on payment of the 8 per cent parity bonus, although they are flexible on when it is received.

This flexibility is opposed by the Secondary School Teachers Association, which did not take part in last night's meeting. They claim their members should not have to make any more sacrifices than other wage-earners.

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HAIFA. - Two men were crushed to death when a truck carrying them overturned on a highway here yesterday.

The victims, identified as 35-year-old Yehuda Ben-Zion and 32-year-old Shimon Ben-Zion, were from the same family. They were travelling to Haifa from Tel Aviv.

Real Estate Opportunities in Jerusalem

is the subject of a talk to be given on Tuesday, October 9, 1984 at 8.30 p.m., at the Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem. Light refreshments. Admission free.

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U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop (left) advises Health Minister Mordechai Gur yesterday on how to prevent smoking. (Dan Landau)

Gur tells U.S. health chief 'Smoking in cabinet kills me'

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"It kills me when people smoke in cabinet meetings," Health Minister Mordechai Gur yesterday told U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop, who is here for four days to help promote a national anti-smoking campaign.

Smoking was banned in cabinet meetings by former prime minister Menachem Begin, but Prime Minister Peres permits it.

Gur, who heads the anti-smoking campaign and who has never smoked admitted to Koop that he has been unable to talk his wife Rita out of smoking. "It drives me crazy, but I don't suggest that anyone try to stop her," Koop promptly volunteered for the job.

Gur may also face heavy opposition from within his party if he pushes too hard against smoking. Both Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin go through several packs of cigarettes a day.

Asked by *The Jerusalem Post* what advice he had for Peres and Rabin about their smoking, Koop said: "They cannot smoke at a time when they are considered to be role models to the nation. They must take a stand for the health of the country which they govern."

Koop is accompanied on his visit here by U.S. philanthropist Joseph Shein, who has contributed to many projects in this country, particularly tennis courts and promotion of this sport. Shein is helping to underwrite the campaign to prevent smoking by giving \$5 million over five years.



Edna Shabtai, widow of writer Ya'acov Shabtai, yesterday receives the Agnon Prize for Belles Lettres from former Jerusalem mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, as Mayor Teddy Kollek looks on. The prize is awarded every two years by the municipality. Shabtai received it for his posthumously published book, *Sof Davar* (Final Words), which was completed by his widow. (Elihu Harari)

Survival symposium scheduled at Technion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - An international symposium on Survival through Technology is to be held at the Technion on October 24 as part of the Institution's 60th anniversary celebrations.

The participants are French writer Samuel Pissar, West German Prof. Eduard Pestel, Prof. Ephraim Urbach, president of the Israeli Academy of Sciences; and Aluf (res.) Dan Bolkovsky. They will discuss nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, the ecological aspects of technology and the social impact of automation.

U.S. sailor denies guilt in rape case

HAIFA (Itim). - An American sailor accused of raping a 72-year-old woman told the district court here yesterday that he had suffered blackouts after being hit in a fight, and did not remember anything from the day on which he is alleged to have carried out the crime.

Johnny Haygood, 20, pleaded not guilty to charges against him in district court. A police representative said that Haygood had been caught raping the woman in her apartment on June 26.

Taiba on strike today to protest against racism

TAIBA (Itim). - The local council here voted yesterday to call a general strike in this village near Netanya to protest against racism. The council also sent a telegram to the Knesset asking it to pass legislation against racist incitement without delay.

The council secretary said that he had received numerous phone messages and telegrams agreeing with the stand that Kach movement MK Meir Kahane should not be permitted to visit Taiba or any other Arab village. Kahane has expressed his intention of visiting the village.

40 foreign films slated for Haifa festival

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The Haifa Film Festival, at which some 40 foreign films will be screened, will be held on Mt. Carmel for four days starting on Saturday evening.

At a press conference yesterday, Mayor Arye Gurel and the organizers said they expect the participation of four directors whose films will be screened. They are Andrei Konchalovsky, director of *Maria's Lovers*; Bill Forsyth, *Comfort and Joy*; Jean Penier, *Un Brin Qui Court*; Sidney Lumet, *Daniel*; and Owe Schrader, *Kanakerbrant*.

The films will be screened from 10 a.m. until midnight at the Shavit, Moriah and Orly cinemas on the Carmel, as well as at the City Auditorium and its neighbouring cinema.

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Smaller grants hurting new immigrants

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Absorption Ministry yesterday admitted publicly for the first time that subsistence grants and unemployment compensation to new immigrants have been seriously eroded. At the same time, the Jewish Agency Aliya Department declared that immigrants will not be hurt by cuts in the public service.

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tzur told his top officials yesterday that he was very concerned to learn that unemployment and subsistence grants for new immigrants now comprise only 16 to 30 per cent of the average wage.

For example, in April last year, an unemployed immigrant received a monthly grant of IS6,500, which was then 24 per cent of the average wage. But in September, 1984, he received IS36,000, which was 16.8 per cent of the average wage.

A non-immigrant who receives unemployment compensation from the National Insurance Institute received IS85,306 this month, which is 40 per cent of the average national wage.

Many immigrants from Ethiopia, Eastern Europe and Asia do not have savings to round out their subsidies from the Absorption Ministry. Many cannot support their families and are close to the poverty line until they get jobs.

Tzur said he would meet with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i to discuss the worsening economic condition of new immigrants. He will ask for the linkage of immigrant payments to the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry's allotments to non-immigrants.

Meanwhile, Haim Aharon, chairman of the Jewish Agency Aliya Department, told the Zionist Executive yesterday that newcomers will not be harmed by civil-service reductions, following consent by the government to exclude wage-subsidized immigrants from manpower cuts. All immigrants whose salaries are funded with help from a special fund for immigrant employment will be exempt from firings due to manpower cuts.

Jewish Agency treasurer Akiva Lewinsky said that the Agency would have to cut some of its activities to channel funds towards absorption of new immigrants.

The Absorption Ministry announced that 1,330 immigrants arrived last month, an 11 per cent drop from August. The number of returning Israelis last month was 228, a 34 per cent drop from the previous month.

Vulcan shutdown threat shocks workers

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Workers at the threatened Vulcan Foundries were given the shock news yesterday that talks aimed at saving the factory had broken down and management may decide within the next few days on closing the plant.

The decision came as a bombshell to workers and to the Haifa Labour Council which had earlier announced an agreement with Vulcan and its owners, the Ourdan company, in the dispute over sacked employees.

The council spokesman said the two sides had agreed that 28 of the workers would be dismissed or take early retirement. A further 10 employees were to be found alternative jobs with Vulcan's former owners, the Koor concern, while 10 would be reinstated. Of the original 67 who received dismissal notices, 19 have already accepted severance pay.

"It's not our fault that talks have broken down. We thought everything was settled," the council spokesman said.

The Vulcan management said that the negotiations had broken down because of the Labour Council's insistence that all the dismissed workers be reinstated.

A spokesman for the firm said that there is sufficient work to employ only two-thirds of Vulcan's 300 workers. He added that in view of the breakdown of negotiations, management is now considering closing the factory.

The Labour Council described the statement as a complete fabrication and said it would make the appropriate decision if management closes the factory.

The leader of the sacked workers, Yosef Assulin, said Vulcan's announcement was "like a bolt from the blue." He accused management of psychological warfare.

Conservatives open rabbinical school here

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a quiet tree-lined street in Jerusalem, the country's first non-Orthodox rabbinical seminary is due to open its doors next week.

Established by the world Conservative movement for the Masorti Movement in Israel, Beit Hamidrash Lelמודי Hayahadut (The Seminary of Jewish Studies) is to commence with seven students. It is to be located at the Schocken Institute on Rehov Balfour, Rehavia.

Until now the only non-Orthodox seminary operating in Israel has been the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College, which has ordained Israeli students, but that school is a branch of the American institution rather than an independent body.

Speaking at a news conference in Jerusalem yesterday, Rabbi Reuven Hammer, director of the new Conservative seminary, said that although it has links with other seminaries abroad and will reflect their combination of scientific method with traditional studies, the curriculum will be oriented to life in Israel with courses, for example, in the history of Zionism. The students are either graduates or in the process of completing their degrees in Judaic studies at a university.

Prof. Eliezer Schweid, a member of the faculty, said that in the past there has been a form of collusion between the Orthodox and the non-religious in Israel to squeeze out other forms of religious expression. But he noted that neither group is as monolithic as it appears.

The movement would secure its place in this country, he said, by setting up the seminary and similar measures, rather than by battles of prestige over the recognition of rabbis.

At present, the seminary is not accepting women candidates for ordination, Hammer said. This is not because he opposes the ordination of women rabbis in principle, but because he sees Halachic and social problems hindering their acceptance in Israel.

Jerusalem arson worries city hall

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem city hall yesterday expressed "serious concern" over what is perceived by the police as rising tensions between religious and secular residents of the capital.

Spokesman Rafi Davara, speaking for Mayor Teddy Kollek, described an arson attack this week on a religious-owned wig shop in Rehov Straus, near Mea Shearim, as "serious" and warned that the city would call on the police to stop any attempts to increase tension between the ultra-orthodox of northern Jerusalem and secular residents of the city.

But other city hall sources noted that "he who lights a match shouldn't be surprised about where the fire burns," meaning that the ongoing anti-secular violence in Mea Shearim has inevitably resulted in secular violence against the religious neighbourhood.

The Jerusalem police force's Major Crimes Department, headed by Chief Inspector Yossi Portugal, is investigating the case.

Ramat Hovav waste site reopens after 2-year break

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - The Ramat Hovav chemical waste dump reopened yesterday after a two-year closure. The site south of Beersheba had been closed by court order after a substantial leakage of poisonous waste.

During the past two years, some 50,000 tons of poisonous chemical wastes have accumulated at plants around the country. Now they can again be transported to Ramat Hovav.

The government company Mivne Ta'asia is now responsible for running the site. The company planned and executed the renewal of the dump, including the burial of some 5,000 tons of poisonous waste, at a cost of \$600,000.

Israel's chemical industry produces some 25,000 tons of poisonous waste per year, including 200 tons of cyanide.

Mivne Ta'asia engineer Shimon Kagan said yesterday that the renewed site is safe as regards fire or seepage. The fresh water table is 250 metres beneath the surface of the site and is shielded by a layer of salt water at a depth of 15 metres. If any poison penetrates the salt-water layer there would be adequate time to take preventive measures before the seepage reaches the fresh water level, he said.

Speedy bus lines designed to woo motorists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION - Plans for new fast bus lines between Tel Aviv and its satellite towns are being worked out between the Ministry of Transport and the bus cooperatives, it was revealed yesterday.

The aim is to encourage motorists to leave their cars at home and travel by bus, said Pinhas Ben-Shaul, national controller of Road Transport here yesterday.

He was speaking at the official opening of the newly extended No. 19 bus line which now reaches Rishon Lezion from the centre of Tel Aviv.

Ben-Shaul said the new route is an example of the metropolitan lines being considered by the ministry.

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in cooperation with the West German Ministry of Education and Science is organizing Professional Study Programmes in West Germany for 1985-1986

Aim of Study Programmes. The programmes are meant to enable high-level professionals involved in vocational training in Israel to participate in work-study courses for a three month period. Returning course participants will be required to pass on the knowledge they have acquired.

Who may apply? Teachers or instructors involved in vocational training who are employed in industry or institutions, and persons involved in technical instruction and manpower development who have at least five years' experience. Applicants will be accepted only upon the recommendation of their employers. Applicants must be under 55 years of age, and should have a satisfactory command of the German language.

Selection process. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of criteria, as determined in the Israel-German agreement. They will be interviewed by Israeli and German committees, to determine their suitability for the programme. Participants will be given air fares and living expenses.

Applications deadline, November 1, 1984. For details call: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Department for International Relations or Study Programmes Division 10 Yehuditim Talpit, P.O.B. 1260 Jerusalem 91000 Tel. 02-719081, ext. 329 or 361, or 02-714064.

Mondale seen winner of debate against Reagan

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP). — President Ronald Reagan and challenger Walter Mondale yesterday awaited voter reaction after a fast-paced debate on Sunday that defined differences on domestic issues from taxes to religion, but even many Republicans thought the Democratic challenger came out ahead.

A poll conducted by the Gallup organization for Newsweek said registered voters who saw the debate picked Mondale as the winner by 54 per cent to 35 per cent. A separate poll, done by Mondale's campaign, said respondents picked him as the victor by 52 per cent to 32 per cent.

A Reagan campaign poll said Reagan won, 41 per cent to 38 per cent and that more than half those who answered said they still intend to vote for Reagan.

A poll by ABC News said Mondale won by 39-38 per cent. In a more than 90-minute showdown, Reagan and Mondale made their case from podiums 2.4 metres apart before a television audience estimated at 100 million people.

"I think we have given America back her spirit," Reagan said just 30 days before election day. "I think we're in a position once again to heed the words of Thomas Paine, who said, 'We have it in our power to begin the world over again.'"

Mondale, in his closing remarks, praised Reagan for contributing to a surge of patriotism among Americans, but warned the U.S. should move away from self-congratulation and toward progress.

Then, he said, "you'll see that we need new leadership. Are we better

off with this arms race? Will we be better off if we start this 'Star Wars' escalation (of space weapons) into the heavens? Are we better off when we de-emphasize our values in human rights?"

In response to one question from a panel of reporters, Reagan said he would not blend religion and politics — this after Mondale argued that Republicans want to get "local politicians into the business" of writing prayers for schoolchildren.

The president likened abortion to murder, citing a homicide case in which a woman was so brutally beaten that her unborn child died. Mondale insisted Americans do not want government "reaching into the living room and making decisions" on questions that are personal and moral.

Reagan said he would "never stand" for cuts in Social Security, while Mondale said Reagan did so once and might again.

Mondale, who in the past has assailed Reagan for "showmanship" as opposed to "leadership," once again brought up the three terrorist attacks on U.S. facilities in Beirut, suggesting the last one demonstrated a lack of security planning.

Mondale said he did not blame the president over the first or the second terrorist attack in Lebanon — but the third time it happened, there was ample warning, "even from the terrorists themselves."

Terming the U.S. presidency "the toughest job on earth," Mondale said he would take a different approach to the position from Reagan's.

Prague embassy occupation poses new dilemma for Bonn

BONN (Reuters) — The dilemma posed by the occupation of West Germany's Prague embassy by up to 140 East Germans demanding to go to the West will be harder for Bonn to resolve than previous similar cases, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The chief West German government spokesman said last Friday that the mission had been closed indefinitely for business because it was completely filled to capacity with about 80 refugees.

But up to 10 more people have since been seen climbing into the grounds of the embassy, and unofficial sources said up to 40 more entered the building during the weekend.

This is by far the largest number of people trying to use a West German mission as an escape route to the West, diplomatic sources pointed out.

Earlier cases were discreetly settled by large cash payments by Bonn to East Berlin. While never officially admitted, the payments were made in return for East German assurances that after returning home the refugees would quietly be allowed to cross into West Germany.

However, the diplomatic sources said the attitude of East German Communist Party leader Erich Honecker to deal with the incident has been reduced since he has been warned by Moscow not to get too friendly with Bonn.

Honecker, who was indirectly criticized by Moscow for making human-rights concessions in return for a large West German bank credit in the summer, called off a planned visit to West Germany last month under apparent pressure from the Kremlin.

Honecker met Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday in East Berlin. Western diplomats said their talks probably centred on the fate of the East Germans at the embassy.

According to government sources in Bonn, East Germany has promised not to punish the refugees if they return home voluntarily.

But this time it has so far refused to guarantee that they will be allowed to jump the queue of over 10,000 East Germans who have applied for exit visas through official channels.

Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia yesterday withdrew its police from the streets around the Prague embassy, deployed to prevent more East Germans from joining those already occupying the building.

The police were pulled out after mounting day and night patrols over the weekend, checking the personal documents of all those approaching the old baroque palace on a hill beneath Prague castle.

There was no explanation for the move from Czechoslovak officials or from West German embassy staff.

Iceland's public servants on strike

REYKJAVIK (Reuters). — Iceland's right-wing government met in emergency session yesterday after authorities closed the island's university to avoid clashes between students and strikers blocking the campus.

The strike by Iceland's 17,000 public-sector employees has crippled the country and threatens its vital fishing industry.

University authorities decreed the closure late Sunday night after students threatened to force their way

through pickets blocking all the entrances to the campus. Scuffles between students and pickets first broke out last week.

The students opposed the picketing because any disruption to their studies could jeopardize their state education loans.

The strikers, who are protesting against the government's economic policies, allowed Iceland's international airport to resume normal operations Sunday, but the strike at the ports continues.

Duarte invites guerrilla leaders to peace talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Napoleon Duarte, the president of El Salvador, yesterday invited all opposition guerrilla leaders in his country to meet with him October 15 in the Salvadoran city of La Palma to discuss a proposal "to return peace and social harmony to all Salvadorans."

Speaking before the UN General Assembly, Duarte declared: "I came to speak of peace." He asked his opposition to come to the meet-

ing, in which all parties would be unarmed, and would be covered by the world's press.

He said his offer is rooted in the El Salvador constitution which allows political pluralism and allows for co-existence of different ideologies.

BOMBS — Guerrillas set off three bombs in Colombo yesterday slightly damaging oil pipelines, the Sri Lankan National Security Ministry announced.

Deadly sweets in Japanese stores

TOKYO (AP). — Candy-Company Blackmailers who have styled themselves as the "21-faced monster" struck yesterday at Morigana and Co., a major confectionery, placing at least two cyanide-laced boxes of chocolate in supermarkets in western Japan, police said.

A spokesman for the Osaka police said officers detected 0.2 grams of sodium cyanide in a box of Morigana chocolates found in a supermarket in the Osaka suburb of Toyonaka City. A printed note attached to it said: "danger, contains poison. You'll die if you eat this. The 21-faced monster."

The lethal dosage of cyanide is 0.2 grams. It was the first time the group, believed responsible for simi-

lar blackmail attempts against other confectioners this year, carried out its threat to plant poisoned candy on store shelves.

The group takes its name from the villain in a popular mystery series of the early 20th century.

In a letter to major newspapers delivered yesterday, the blackmailers said they had placed in supermarkets in central and western Japan 20 boxes of Morigana candy products laced with cyanide.

They threatened they would plant 30 additional boxes in the next 10 days without the written warning, the letter said. On September 12 the group demanded 100 million yen (about \$400,000) from Morigana.

Australian prime minister calls early elections

CANBERRA (Reuters). — Prime Minister Bob Hawke, riding high in popularity despite fierce opposition attacks, yesterday set December 1 as the date for an early general election he seems sure to win.

Hawke, a former trade union chief, led his Labour Party to a landslide win in March 1983, and has a 25-seat majority in the lower house of parliament.

French thieves get more than \$1m. in gold

LYON, France (AP). — Six masked robbers took an executive of a precious metals company and his family hostage on Sunday, forced him to open his company's safes and escaped with 100 kilos of gold worth more than \$1 million, the executive said.

Michel Rey-Coquais said the robbers, armed with pistols and wearing

hoods, first seized his daughter, Catherine, 17, and her two cousins, aged 19 and 20, as they came home from a party at about 3 a.m.

The robbers tied up the three cousins, Rey-Coquais's wife and his son Thierry, 24, and then four of them took the executive by car to the company's headquarters, leaving two accomplices with the family.

Sports

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The Padres will now play in baseball's grand finale, the World Series, for the first time. They will face the American League champions, the Detroit Tigers, in the best-of-seven series starting today.

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The victory completed an unprecedented comeback in NL play-off history. The Padres will host the series opener today.

For the Cubs, it was another in a long list of frustrations. Chicago had not won a pennant since 1945 and, like San Diego, had never appeared in an NL Championship series since the division format was instituted in 1969.

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With long-time men's singles champion Shlomo Glickstein and local No. 2 Shahar Perkis unable to play in this year's tournament, they have signed up for next week's Cologne Grand Prix, the two have agreed to meet in a three set match at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

Heading the men's singles draw in the absence of Glickstein and Perkis will be Amos Mansoor and Gila Bloom, with the next two places going to Rilon Sinai and Menashe Tour. In the corresponding women's event, the top seeds are title-holder Orly Bialstocki, Rakel Binyamin, Sagit Doron and Ilana Berger.

Payton's place

NEW YORK (AP). — Walter Payton became the National Football League's career rushing leader, sweeping by Jimmy Brown's venerable record in style on Sunday as he led the Chicago Bears to a 20-7 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

Payton, needing just 67 yards to break Brown's long-standing record of 12,312 yards, hammered out 154 yards on 32 carries to boost his 10-year total to 12,400 yards.

The record-breaker came on the second play of the second half when Payton took a pitchout from quarterback Jim McMahon and skirted six yards around left end.

Payton, who scored a touchdown as the Bears snapped a two-game losing streak and kept their position atop the NFC Central Division with a 4-2 record, surpassed Brown's standard by going over the 100-yard mark for the 19th time in his career. He put the Bears ahead to stay with a 1-yard touchdown plunge on the final play from scrimmage in the first half for a 13-7 Chicago lead.

Other results: St. Louis 31, Dallas 28; Miami 31, Pittsburgh 7; New York Jets 17, Kansas City 16; New England 17, Cleveland 16; Washington 35, Indianapolis 7; Denver 26, Detroit 7; Tampa Bay 35, Minnesota 33; Philadelphia 27, Buffalo 17; Cincinnati 13, Houston 3; Los Angeles Raiders 28, Seattle 14; Atlanta 30, Los Angeles Rams 28; San Diego 34, Green Bay Packers 28.

Davis Cup tie

Israel starts its 1985 Davis Cup campaign with a quarter-final tie in June against either Finland or Holland in the European Zone "B" competition. Seeded No. 1 in the grouping, Israel received a bye in the first round. If it fulfils expectations and beats either of these countries, Israel's semi-final opponent is likely to be either second-seeded Switzerland or newly-relegated Great Britain.

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TEL AVIV. — Shahar Perkis has climbed to 67 in the ATP singles rankings. This means that he has soared an astonishing 300 places in the last 12 months. He is now ahead of Shlomo Glickstein, ranked 73.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF. — Calvin Peete won the \$350,000 Texas Open, with a 266, 3 strokes ahead of Bruce Lietzke. Peete is the game's most successful black player.

TENNIS. — Chris Evert Lloyd beat Wendy Turnbull 6-2, 6-3 in the final of the Manhattan Beach \$150,000 tournament.

MOTOR RACING. — Alain Prost won the European Grand Prix, and may now overtake teammate Niki Lauda, who finished fourth, for the world title.

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Sports Context Coffee and culture

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Payton, who was drafted into the NFL by the Bears in 1971, has been a consistent performer since then. He has led the Bears to three Super Bowl appearances, winning one in 1985.

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COREBOARD

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees have won the American League East for the first time since 1977, sweeping the Boston Red Sox in a three-game series.

The Yankees won the first game 4-1, the second 3-1 and the third 2-1. They will now play in the American League Championship Series for the first time.

Context
According to tradition, this was the place in the old days where madmen would be tied to a chain in the basement for three days until the devils had departed from their bodies — a change in venue that could be encouraged by timely beatings in the morning and evening.

Such prompt cures for madness are no longer available today despite the fact that the building is now a public life, but visitors to the Zionist Confederation House, as of next month, will at least be able to get a cup of coffee and perhaps even music to soothe the savage breast.

The building which was formally dedicated this summer on a knoll overlooking Yemin Moshe on the north, is apparently built on the site of a Byzantine monastery known as St. George and incorporates assorted ruins. A century ago, the Moslem family residing on the site would permit Christians to see, for a reasonable fee, "St. George's chain" to which disturbed co-religionists would in previous centuries be tied.

Despite its name, Zionist Confederation House promises, when it opens early in November, to be a fun place for visitors, regardless of ideological affiliation.

The building also contains halls for concerts and art exhibits and lectures will be given on the premises on literature and a wide variety of other subjects, not necessarily connected with Zionism.



Zionist Confederation House (above); interior views after renovations.



Tribal conflicts

WHEN A Jerusalem rabbi publishes a learned work on the religious conflicts of the Peyotists, one may assume he is into the problems of a sidcuri sect in Mea She'arim.

Rabbi Edgar Siskin, however, has chosen to look at someone else's religious problems, in this case those of the Washo Indian tribe on the California-Nevada border.

A reform rabbi who holds an anthropology degree from Yale University, Siskin has been studying the Washo Indians since he was a doctoral student in the late 1930s. His recently published *Washo Shamans and Peyotists*, he believes, is the first anthropological work published by a rabbi.

The Peyotists are eaters of peyote, a spineless cactus which induces intoxication and hallucination. Although in widespread use among many Indian tribes in the United States it crossed the Rockies to reach the Washo for the first time during the period Siskin was making his early field studies.

He was witness to the conflict, which often became violent, between the followers of the new religious practices that centred on

Praise for a pioneer

Pinhas Landau pays tribute to Daniel Recanati on the Shloshim of his death

ment, these were hardly the trademarks of the *halutz*, yet in the fields of banking and industry, his contribution cannot be considered as anything less than trail-blazing.

Daniel Recanati was born in Salomika in 1921 and came to Palestine with his family in the mid-1930s. While his father, Leon, was setting up the Discount Bank with help from other recent arrivals from Greece, Turkey, Egypt and Syria, Daniel completed high school at Tel Aviv's Herzliya Gymnasium and then went to England to study at the London School of Economics.

His studies were cut short by the outbreak of war in 1939, and he returned to work in the Discount Bank and serve in the British Army in Egypt and Italy. His father's death in 1945 brought him back to the bank, and he worked in every department, starting in the most humble capacities, before beginning to assume managerial roles.

By the early '50s he was one of the general managers of the bank, and in the agreement between the four sons of Leon Recanati as to the division of the family's various business interests, Daniel was appointed head of the bank in Israel, while his brothers Harry and Rafael moved overseas to develop the group's foreign interests.

THUS AT THE AGE of 33, Daniel Recanati was in control of one of the main financial concerns in the country, at a time when the Israeli economy was entering its era of rapid

Naming them

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JUST AS you can roughly guess the age of someone called Robin or Hillary in England, so you can wager that nearly every Israeli Dor, Ron and Or, along with Dorit, Ronit and Orit, will be in their twenties at present, and so will a few thousand Michals, Amirs and Odeds. There's a fashion in names as in cars and bikinis.

You will have to search hard through the maternity wards of Israel's hospitals today to find a baby called Yeroham, Yechekel, Tuva or Malka, and Sadia, Rahamin, Nissim, Mazal or Simha. These names aren't merely old-fashioned, they bear a distinct Diaspora association, and as such are Out.

The exception to this rule are equally old-fashioned, but mostly biblical names like Lea, Tzipora, Shimon, Shmuel or Yosef, commemorating grand-parents and other relatives who perished in the Holocaust. Which is why someone called Ya'acov Goldberg, whom at a guess you'd say was a man over 50, may actually be a three-year-old tot. So dated do these names sound, however, that they are only used on formal occasions; in everyday life Avraham is converted to Avi or Rami, Mordechai to Motti, and Rivka to Riki or Riva.

The rich who travel a lot, Israelis snobbing emigration, or snobs pure and simple, are fond of giving their children names that will go over well abroad. Naturally this applies to sound, not sense, for Roy is "my shepherd" in Hebrew, Guy is "a dale," and Mayal — "what is God."

Calling girls by masculine-sounding names, such as Hadar, Carmel, Kochav and Tal — who a generation before would have been named Hadara, Carmela, Kochava and Talva — may have begun in a quest for originality rather than equality, but received a boost when Women's Lib reached our shores. The true pioneer of that fashion, though, was Eliezer Ben-Yehuda's son Itamar, who called his daughter Dror.

Of course, it isn't all fad and fashion. Dan and Uri and Tamar and Yael are perennial favourites, having a certain Sabra flavour about them. I've always wondered, incidentally, about the case of Yael. It has to be the sound that's considered attractive, because it means "mountain goat," while the original, biblical lady of that name was the one who drove a tent peg clear through the sleeping Sivera's temple and "fastened it into the ground," which may have made her a heroine to the Israelites, but rather weak on oriental hospitality.

Another prevalent Sabra name, Yoram, may well be on the way out. He has, alas, poor Yorick, become a noun ("What a Yoram!"), designating a square, a bit of a muck-up, and hardly what you'd call the Sabra ideal. He'll come back though, Yoram — along with Moshe and Sara and Menahem and Batya, which, having lain dormant for a generation or two, will no doubt sound terribly chic and original to our great-grandchildren.

Lack of discipline

MUSIC / Benjamin Bar-Am

CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC — Moshe Mervitz, violin; Abraham Bornstein, viola; Elhanan Bregman, cello; Peter Mark, double bass; Richard Lesser, clarinet; Meir Rimmon, horn; Moshe Reichenman, bassoon (Tel Aviv Museum, October 21, J.S. Bach Sonata No. 2 for violin, viola and cello; Danzig Quartet for Bassoon and Strings; Beethoven Septet in E major, Op. 28).

THIS WAS supposed to be a festive concert opening the new season, but what we got in the first part could hardly have been worse. Intonation in the Bach sonata, transcribed from the organ for violin, viola and cello, was an outrage. Mervitz could not complete even a single passage without false notes, slips and other instances of carelessness. He demonstrated a total lack of discipline and showed no respect for the music.

All this might naturally create a rather poor evaluation of Mervitz. The truth, however, is that basically he is a good instrumentalist, capable of reasonable accomplishments, as he showed later in the Beethoven. However, he seems to need very

special conditions to curb a dangerous temperament and a tendency to scorn the text. What he needs badly is discipline. In the Danzig quartet he was slightly better but even there, we could only regret his leadership. His two colleagues, Bornstein and Bregman, withdrew almost completely, turning the performance into a strange duet of a stylistically ignorant and often aggressive violin and a first-class bassoon part (Reichenman), which, under these circumstances, sounded strangely isolated. Given the paleness and mediocrity of the music itself and the distorted balance and quality of the four parts, the results naturally were highly unsatisfactory.

The Beethoven proved at least one thing: the music was well-rehearsed and the seven musicians constituted a real ensemble. Though the performance could hardly enthuse, it at least made one feel that everybody involved was doing his duty with professional responsibility.

True friend of Israel

FATHER William F. Masterson, who recently died in the Philippines after a long illness, was a true friend of Israel.

Born in the U.S., Masterson first went to the Philippines at the age of 22 as a Jesuit priest. It was there that he devoted his life to the betterment of the rural poor, both in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia.

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Money Matters

Barely ahead on ever-lower volume

Another dull day of low volume and slight gains passed over the stock market yesterday. The bond market was able to show at least some gains in every class traded, while the share market was more mixed, though positive overall.

The bonds, as noted, moved ahead slightly, though volume in this area slipped back to about IS1,300 million well below Sunday's level of almost IS2,000m. This latter figure was, of course, swollen by the large demand for Tadiran bonds, a feature which was not repeated yesterday. The new Tadiran issue remained unchanged, at 44.2 cents.

Here the Tadiran bond has an advantage over almost every other security in the Tel Aviv market, since it is denominated in dollars and cents. Thus, on a day like yesterday when it traded unchanged, it really was unchanged. By contrast, a regular, shekel-denominated security that trades unchanged on a given day is, in practice, suffering a fall in value equivalent to the decline in the shekel against the dollar on that day.

In the share market, the volume sank to as low as IS19m, or some \$1.2m., again marking a new low point for the last month or more. One of the main reasons for this exceptionally low turnover was the trading halt in the shares of IDB, IDB Development and Discount Bank, as the first two published their half-yearly figures. Discount, as a subsidiary of IDB, also did not trade yesterday.

The rest of the market was more or less flat, with five issues ahead

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices			
General Share Index	421.43	+0.57%	
Non-bank Index	278.97	+0.29%	
Bank Index	521.18	+0.63%	
Industrial Index	323.38	-0.43%	
Bond Index	350.40	+0.95%	

Turnovers			
Shares	IS 519.3m.		
Bonds	IS1305.1m.		
Totals	IS1824.4m.		
Advances	200		
Declines	122		
of which 5% +	62		
"Buyers only"	43		
"Sellers only"	18		

Bond market trends			
4% fully-linked:	Mixed to 3%		
3% fully-linked:	Rises to 3.4%		
80% linked:	Rises to 3%		
90% linked:	Rises to 2%		
Double-option:	Stable/Rises to 3%		
Dollar-linked:	Stable/Rises to 3%		

Most Active Shares			
Leumi	7135	IS95.8m.	n.c.
Leumi	IS11410	IS 55.6m.	+150
Mizrahi	6735	IS42.4m.	n.c.

Sharpest Moves			
Yahalom op.	159	+28.5	+21.4%
Vitalis	156	+23.5	+17.3%
Tip-Top op.	48	-10	-17.2%

New automated services at Discount

By PINHAS LANDAU

TEL AVIV. - Bank Discount will unveil in the next few days a new plan that will significantly expand the quality and quantity of automatic services it offers its customers.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the system will be offered at a limited number of branches, at first, and if it proves successful it will be expanded. Full details of the facilities available are not yet known, but it seems likely that they will include broader access to the computerized and other self-service banking services that Discount presently makes available to its clients, beyond regular banking hours.

In addition, the bank may seek to apply some of the lessons learned from the limited experience so far gained in the field of videotext services. This is an area which all the main banks have been actively investing in, and its introduction to branches would mark a major step forward in the degree and sophistication of on-line facilities available at the retail level.

The new move, whatever its operational details turn out to include, should be seen in the context of the strategy of all the banks to cut personnel costs and improve service by introducing the latest comprehensive range of automatic services. In this, the "chain" of inter-bank competition, the Discount move will take it, however temporarily, well ahead of its rivals.

French supermarket to feed the hungry

PARIS (Reuters). - Chiefs of France's largest supermarket chain, pointing to a growth of shoplifting due to hunger, said this week they planned to provide free food for hungry people at their 500 stores.

Lycion Edouard Leclerc, who runs the Leclerc cut-rate supermarket chain with his son Michel, told *Le Monde* that anyone who was hungry should ask a hostess for food at one of his stores. Leclerc said he also planned to open cafeterias offering meals to the needy for less than 10 francs (one dollar).

"I estimate there are currently 300,000 people without any resources in France," Leclerc said. "This is intolerable. A solution must be found to allow these people to eat."

Bank of Israel exchange rates

October 8, 1984

U.S. dollar	433.69
British sterling	537.02
German mark	142.76
French franc	46.531
Dutch guilder	126.57
Swiss franc	68.649
Canadian dollar	361.48
Australian dollar	256.03
South African rand	70.419
Belgian franc (10)	203.20
Austrian schilling (10)	230.40
Italian lire (1000)	175.95
Japanese yen (100)	441.71
Irish pound	254.37
Spanish peseta (100)	107.65
Jordanian dinar	57.060
Lebanese lira	355.63
Egyptian pound	

FOREIGN CURRENCY

INTERBANK SET RATES			
US\$	1.2385/1.2395	per \$	
DM	3.4003/3.4013	per \$	
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Swiss FR	2.5802/2.5812	per \$	
Belgian FR	61.6061/62	per \$	
French FR	9.3309/9.3319	per \$	
Italian Lire	183.00/184.00	per \$	
Yen	246.02/246.75	per \$	
US\$	0.9964/0.9969	per SDR	

GOLDS/47.5			
FORWARD RATES:			
1 month	1.2380/1.2420	1.2420/1.2460	
3 months	1.2460/1.2500	1.2500/1.2540	
6 months	1.2540/1.2580	1.2580/1.2620	

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Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
OHF	3640	10	n.c.
Maritime 0.1	1984	b.o.1	+4.0
Maritime 0.5	650	1057	+8.5
General non-arr.	2080	37	n.c.
N. American 1	1585	45	n.c.
N. American 5	2872	36	n.c.
Danco 1	330	18	-2.7
Danco 5	74	926	-6.5
Danco 10.5	194	30	n.c.
FBI 0.5	479	74	+1.1
FBI 1.5	383	701	n.c.

Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB	not trading		
IDB A	not trading		
IDB B	not trading		
Union 0.1	12452	271	+4.0
Union 0.5	21500	1	-5.0
Discount A	20950	133	+1.0
Discount B	2530	6	+2.0
Mizrahi	6735	629	n.c.
Mizrahi B	6800	52	+3.0
Mizrahi C	3165	31	+3.9

Real Estate, Building			
Hapoel p.	14350		-13.50
Hapoel r.	11410	48	+1.50
Hapoel B	11240	100	+2.7
Hapoel C	44625	19	+12.50
General A	29500	27	+12.50
General B	71500		+3.50
General C	20000	2	+3.00
General D	22790	1	+5.00
General E	1450	21	+3.00
Leumi 0.1	7135	1343	n.c.
Leumi 0.5	10100	37	+2.2
Leumi 1.0	720	37	+2.2
Finance Trade 5	9750	3	-2.0
Finance Trade 5	5100	2	-3.00

Mortgage Banks			
Admon 0.1	1410		n.c.
Admon 0.5	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 1.0	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 1.5	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 2.0	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 2.5	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 3.0	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 3.5	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 4.0	1232	40	-1.0
Admon 4.5	1232	40	-1.0

Financial Institutions			
Shitot	128	620	n.c.
Shitot A	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot B	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot C	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot D	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot E	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot F	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot G	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot H	1369	3	-15.0
Shitot I	1369	3	-15.0

Insurance			
Arch 1	596	125	+0.6
Arch 2	290	65	-2.4
Arch 3	7161		+10.4
Arch 4	663	30	+1.2
Arch 5	265	47	+1.6
Arch 6	746		+3.5
Arch 7	153		+5.2
Arch 8	350	7	n.c.
Arch 9	145	36	+5.6
Arch 10	1845	421	n.c.
Arch 11	2000	6	n.c.
Arch 12	600	10	+7.3
Arch 13	1890	2	+8.0
Arch 14	1390	3	+9.4
Arch 15	1901		+14.9
Arch 16	443	50	n.c.
Arch 17	153	46	+10.7
Arch 18	105	6	+7.1
Arch 19			n.c.
Arch 20			n.c.

Trade & Services			
Inter-Gamma 1	600	52	+1.7
Inter-Gamma 2	182	59	-2.7
Inter-Gamma 3	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 4	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 5	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 6	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 7	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 8	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 9	60	386	n.c.
Inter-Gamma 10	60	386	n.c.

Food and Tobacco			
Atlas	611	65	+7.1
Atlas 1	498	59	+11.2
Atlas 2			n.c.
Atlas 3			n.c.
Atlas 4			n.c.
Atlas 5			n.c.
Atlas 6			n.c.
Atlas 7			n.c.
Atlas 8			n.c.
Atlas 9			n.c.

Services			
Dalek 1	2420	73	+10.0
Dalek 2	2229	25	+4.7
Dalek 3	1168		+2.5
Dalek 4	1662	11	+16.9
Dalek 5	770	26	n.c.
Dalek 6	16950		n.c.
Dalek 7	8601	3	n.c.
Dalek 8			n.c.
Dalek 9			n.c.
Dalek 10			n.c.

Hotels, Tourism			
Gal Zohar 1			n.c.
Gal Zohar 2			n.c.
Gal Zohar 3			n.c.
Gal Zohar 4			n.c.
Gal Zohar 5			n.c.
Gal Zohar 6			n.c.
Gal Zohar 7			n.c.
Gal Zohar 8			n.c.
Gal Zohar 9			n.c.
Gal Zohar 10			n.c.

Textiles and Clothing			
Adgar	643	29	n.c.
Adgar op.	385	10	+5.1
Adgar 1	210	b.o.1	+10.5
Adgar 2	102	b.o.1	+10.5
Adgar 3	520		n.c.
Adgar 4	232	2	n.c.
Adgar 5	70	20	n.c.
Adgar 6	80	20	n.c.
Adgar 7	55	s.o.1	-8.5
Adgar 8	174	833	-1.5
Adgar 9	143	727	-5.3
Adgar 10	818	2	-7.9
Adgar 11	61	b.o.1	+5.2
Adgar 12	66	448	+7.8
Adgar 13	27	1609	+2.7
Adgar 14	519	155	n.c.
Adgar 15	390	104	n.c.
Adgar 16			n.c.
Adgar 17			n.c.
Adgar 18			n.c.
Adgar 19			n.c.
Adgar 20			n.c.

Wood, Paper, Printing			
Dafra 1	431	25	+1.2
Dafra 2	212	55	+1.2
Dafra 3	461	45	n.c.
Dafra 4	320		+1.9
Dafra 5	361	38	+0.6
Dafra 6	331	44	+1.0
Dafra 7	331	44	+1.0
Dafra 8	331	44	+1.0
Dafra 9	331	44	+1.0
Dafra 10	331	44	+1.0

Miscellaneous Industries			
Alumit 1	1195	1	n.c.
Alumit 2	576		n.c.
Alumit 3	638		n.c.
Alumit 4	233		n.c.
Alumit 5	1700	36	n.c.
Alumit 6	230	70	n.c.
Alumit 7	683	52	+1.0
Alumit 8	430	30	+4.2
Alumit 9	1715	1	n.c.
Alumit 10	1138	1	n.c.
Alumit 11	1645	7	n.c.
Alumit 12	201	182	+1.2

Industrial Investment			
Central Trade	5581	89	n.c.
Kovir			n.c.
Clal Indust.	550	1145	-1.5
Clal Indust.	2480		-1.1
Tech Rev			n.c.
Tech Rev			n.c.

Investment Companies			
UNCOV	350	93	n.c.
UNCOV			n.c.
UNCOV	218	49	+1.5
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Electrical Machinery			
Elit 1	146500	1	-10.0
Elit 2	200000		n.c.
Elit 3	510	93	-7.6
Elit 4	508	93	+1.3
Elit 5	508	93	+1.3
Elit 6	508	93	+1.3
Elit 7	508	93	+1.3
Elit 8	508	93	+1.3
Elit 9	508	93	+1.3
Elit 10	508	93	+1.3

Building Materials			
LP Industries	207	143	n.c.
Alkal	394	3	+4.0
Alkal op.	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 1	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 2	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 3	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 4	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 5	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 6	610	13	+6.7
Alkal 7	610	13	+6.7

Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics			
Agan Chem.	1859	50	-1.1
Agan op.	1510	17	-0.6
Agan 1	205	40	+5.0
Agan 2	1965	6	-2.0
Agan 3	415	132	n.c.
Agan 4	257	57	+1.4
Agan 5	3084	8	-10.0
Agan 6	1245		+3.2
Agan 7	1745	141	+2.1
Agan 8	4790	38	-1.0
Agan 9	3000	36	-1.2
Agan 10	420	50	-2.4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
NEW YORK. - U.S. banks were closed yesterday in celebration of Columbus Day. Volume was very low as 46,540,000 shares changed hands. Losers led gainers by 9 to 5 and the Dow Jones Industrial Index closed at 1,177.89, down 4.64.			

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Not a good sign

THE ELEVENTH Knesset was elected in mid-summer, and nobody really expected that it would get down to business until after Succot. Even in non-election years, there is a long summer recess, from the end of July until after the autumn holidays. What was unanticipated, however, was that 11 weeks after the elections the Knesset committees would still be unorganized and that this state would continue — so it now appears — for at least two more weeks, until the opening of the winter term on October 22.

The new Knesset started out on its left foot when it failed to elect its Speaker at its inaugural session on August 13. This departure from precedent was due to the decision of the Alignment, accepted by the Likud, to treat the Speakership as one of the plums to be awarded in the course of the coalition negotiations. But the result was to delay the organization of the Knesset and to portray it as a puppet of the government.

Then came the protracted discussions in the steering committee, which began functioning on August 9, but which was able to reach agreement on the distribution of committee assignments and chairmanships only on September 24.

True, the drawn-out coalition negotiations undoubtedly stymied the steering committee, and it was only on September 13 that Shimon Peres presented his government to the Knesset. However, once that happened, the 24 members of the steering committee should have huddled together until white smoke emerged from the chimney.

But then it turned out that even after the Knesset, on September 24, approved the lists of committee assignments and agreement had been reached on all chairmanships except those of the Aliya and Absorption Committee, the Alignment demanded a recount. It wanted a revision of the agreement whereby the Likud would get the Economic Committee, on the grounds that the Likud already had the Finance Ministry, the Industry and Trade Ministry, and the Finance Committee (even though it bestowed the latter on Avraham Shapira of Agudat Yisrael). Since this had been true when the original agreement was reached, a more plausible explanation is that it suddenly became important for Labour to find a chairmanship for Eliahu Speiser.

And so, at the meeting of the House Committee, on the evening of September 24 after the Knesset adjourned, and the Likud wished to propose the chairman of the eight of the 10 committees over which there was no dispute (all but Economics and Aliya). Alignment faction chairman Rafi Edri objected. Until there was agreement on all committees, no chairman at all should be approved. This position was also adopted on the Likud side this week by Ronnie Milo, acting chairman of the House Committee. That is where the matter rests, not helped by the absence abroad of Yitzhak Shamir, and now of Shimon Peres as well.

It is certainly intolerable for what is supposed to be a parliamentary democracy that the Knesset's committees be paralyzed for so long. The Interior Committee cannot meet to discuss the financial plight of the municipalities, the Economic Committee cannot discuss the latest economic measures, the Education Committee cannot discuss the effective discontinuation of free education even on the elementary school level.

When President Chaim Herzog opened the inaugural session of the Eleventh Knesset, he issued a sombre warning: history has known many democratic regimes that collapsed in time of crisis, and Israel is not immune to that danger.

It is time that the party leaders awake to the heavy responsibility that they bear.

Two views on how the government should address the economic crisis

A straightforward solution

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE NEW government has a plan for economic recovery. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i says so. If there had not been one, Shimon Peres wouldn't have dared to go to Washington. But it isn't being applied.

The politicians are at fault; they can't agree about its implementation. Yitzhak Navon refuses to cut education; Moshe Katzav won't let welfare be tampered with; Yitzhak Rabin wants military aid money to be spent on the military, not on anything else; Yisrael Kessur of the Histadrut is damned if he'll yield any part of the cost-of-living allowance.

While arguments rage, the authorities make do with a series of improvisations. The Treasury tries this, then it tries that; everybody seems to be playing for time. Yet time is the one thing we have not got.

The economic crisis that the new administration was formed to tackle can scarcely be described as new. It dates back to the Yom Kippur War and the two-figure inflation which followed. The situation got worse under Ehrlrich, still worse under Arikor and worst of all under Cohen-Orgad. We have had three-figure inflation for four successive years.

Did that not give sufficient leeway to think up a solution? Labour have been in opposition for seven consecutive years. Did Peres never chance to talk with Navon and Mordechai Gur about the inflated cost of the social services? Has Gad Ya'acobi never bumped into Kessur at party headquarters and exchanged views over the cost-of-living allowance?

Then came the interminable negotiations between Labour and Likud,

in this hotel and that, meetings that sometimes lasted all night. Were they not hammering out an agreed policy? Or were they just wrangling about seats and portfolios and chairmanships?

UNLIKE BRAZIL, Bangladesh and even the United Kingdom, Israel does not face a baffling economic problem. The solution in this country is straightforward. The government must reduce its budget deficit by \$2b. a year, of which at least \$1.5b. has to be an expenditure cut. That will admittedly cause unemployment.

The wage-earners must at the same time accept a salary-reduction of 10 per cent; which will increase employment in the export industries. The two measures together should make it possible to enforce a price freeze.

No more than the above is needed: the economy, flexible and dynamic as it is, will do the rest. Kessur says that a 10 per cent wage cut victimizes the workers; he prefers a 10 per cent tax increase.

In what respect would the worker then be better off? Presumably because his net wage would remain unchanged, the tax falling on the employer who would have to increase gross wages by 10 per cent.

That solves no problem. Nor is the tax more equitable to the worker than a wage-reduction. The latter victimizes employers as well because it will cause, together with the budget cut, a drop in demand. Fall-

ing demand causes not only unemployment; it also causes bankruptcies.

No tax can eat into the profits of the rich like a business recession does. Look at Ata Textiles: Eisenberg enterprises spent millions of dollars in buying that company and are now ready to sell it for one shekel.

Profits will drop in all undertakings except those selling exports (the policies of Israel's Treasury will not generate a sag in demand overseas). Expansion of exports will supply, after an agonizing interval, alternative employment to the men of Ata. It will come too late to save the capital of Ata's owners.

THE GOVERNMENT knows what it should do in the country's present dilemma, but hasn't worked out what it can do; and that is amazing. The need to cut budgets is not new. It has been trumpeted about for years. Couldn't all the interested parties have worked out an agreed formula?

The Productivity Institute summarized in September statistical information that had been available month after month. Productivity has risen since 1975 by a negligible 0.8 per cent a year, and wages by a fat 5.3 per cent a year (on the average).

The cost of producing Israeli goods has thus shot up by 4.4 per cent per annum for eight consecutive years. That is the second most important obstruction to economic re-

covery (the most important obstruction being the government's massive overspending). Didn't the members of the present cabinet and the Histadrut — or at least the Labour ministers of the cabinet and the Labour leaders of the Histadrut — put their heads together and work out what to do about this disparity before the new administration was formed?

Do they all have to wait until the foreign currency reserves drop to a bare \$2b. and only then start arguing and quarrelling, as if the whole problem had never come to their attention before?

BANNING LUXURY imports takes us back to the 1950s. In economic terms this measure does only harm (as we learned the hard way then). The import of luxuries saves foreign currency because they are highly taxed. If I buy a car for \$30,000 I am spending only \$10,000 of foreign exchange, the remaining \$20,000 is a tax accruing to the Treasury.

If I am not allowed to spend my money on a car, I may send it on other things instead: let us say \$10,000 on extra trips abroad for the family, and \$20,000 on locally-manufactured household durables.

The \$10,000 spent on foreign trips will comprise \$8,500 of foreign currency. The \$20,000 disbursed on locally-made durables will involve an outlay of, say, \$6,800 on imported components. So instead of expending \$10,000 of foreign currency on a car, I shall have caused the expendi-

ture of \$15,300 in other ways — as a result of the import ban.

It may not always turn out as bad. Some frustrated car-purchasers may keep their money in a Patam account until the ban is revoked. The drastic clampdown on "luxuries" may have political merit, in that it creates an atmosphere of emergency.

But it is at best an expedient, a palliative. The task remains, first, to slash budgets not by \$900m. as we are told has already been achieved, but by double that amount; and second, to reduce wages by 10 per cent. The profits of non-exporting firms will drop by considerably more than that, and the economy will sail back to normalcy.

Cutting defence, cutting the social services and cutting wages are the hardest thing a government can do. (Cutting profits is easier, but can only be managed if the three difficult things are done first.) The outcry will be frantic, the current scenes outside Vulcan Foundries will be repeated outside government departments, when civil servants are jobless; outside clinics, when sick people are denied benefits that they have been receiving free of charge; outside schools, where pupils have to make do with less teaching.

But that is what a government is for, to take hard decisions. If the cabinet that Peres heads is not tough enough to do its job, the Israeli economy will gradually collapse into the equivalent of a slump — and Israel's ineffective democratic system will in all likelihood collapse with it.

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Forgotten aims

By ERIC LEE

There are socialist proposals for Israel's beleaguered economy. They differ radically from those offered by the present government. No doubt "practical" socialists like Mr. Peres will consider these to be "crazy" ideas.

HERE, THEN, are six crazy ideas — socialist ideas — to restructure the Israeli economy.

1. Freeze prices and profits, but not wages. Wages will not be frozen, but will remain subject to normal collective bargaining. The notion that wages must be frozen — which means that poverty and inequality are frozen as well — is based on the myth that rising wages cause inflation. They do not.

2. Nationalize companies that are in trouble. A company is going out of business and hundreds of workers face unemployment. Rather than extend welfare benefits to those workers, socialists stand for the nationalization of the firm, the securing of the jobs, and the maintenance of production. In a recession, the state sector should grow.

3. Reduce the work week. A shorter work week means more jobs. It also means higher productivity. A five-day, 40-hour week should be a national priority in Israel.

4. Enact an Israeli "co-determination" law. West Germany passed a law several years ago which compelled companies to place workers' representatives on corporate

boards. As a result, workers played a role in decision-making, and learned the truth about their companies' finances. Especially now, an Israeli version of "co-determination" is imperative.

5. Create public sector jobs for the unemployed. If unemployment grows — and it will — the government must create thousands of public sector jobs for the unemployed.

One obvious job to be done is the improvement of the road system, creating as a side effect a reduction in traffic accidents. (Another side effect will be that Jewish workers will actually be involved in construction and manual labour again.) 6. Develop communal alternatives for the unemployed. Australian

Prime Minister Bob Hawke has initiated an experimental programme of "kibbutzim" for his country's unemployed. In our own history, we know that the Gedud Ha'avoda in the 1920s mobilized masses of unemployed workers and turned many of them into founding kibbutzniks. Now is the time for rapid growth of rural and urban communal and cooperative experiments.

Crazy ideas? "Socialism," proclaims the founding declaration of the Socialist International, "fights to liberate men and women from the fears and anxieties from which all forms of political and economic insecurity are inescapable. It aims to put economic power in the hands of the people...to create a community in which free men work together as equals."

Those were once your aims, Ms. Peres.

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PRICE-MONITORING

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are happy they didn't turn up today," the spokesman said.

In the capital's Ramot Eshkol neighbourhood, a group of secondary schoolchildren went from shop to shop in the commercial centre, recording prices of items on display.

In Holon, a grocer was given a summons by a ministry inspector moments after he overcharged a customer 400 per cent for a half-kilo bag of table salt.

The ministry reported that in addition to "unreasonable" price increases, its inspectors also found shops where merchandise was being kept off the shelves in the hope that prices would soon be raised legally. Shops with faulty weights and measures were also found.

When one grocer was asked for cooking oil, he replied that he had none. But when inspectors went to a back room they found ample stocks, with the price tag removed from the bottles.

Asked why he was withholding the oil, the grocer replied, "I am keeping it for personal use." The inspectors did not believe him, recalling that a few weeks earlier he had been

caught selling oil above the ceiling price.

The secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants' Association, Avraham Birnbaum, complained that the order placing under price control items banned from import "is not as simple as the authorities think it is, because of its qualifications."

For example, he cited furniture, ceramic tableware and cosmetics. According to the order, these items are price-controlled if the manufacturer's annual turnover is IS1 billion, IS 500m. and IS 1b., respectively.

Birnbaum asked: "How is the consumer or retailer supposed to know what a manufacturer's annual sales are? A shopkeeper often buys his goods from a distributor or wholesaler, so has little knowledge of the manufacturer, let alone his annual sales."

The Transport Ministry last night asked citizens to report all cases of suspected overcharging on auto accessories and spare parts to its motor vehicle division at 10 Rehov Cichbach, Tel Aviv. If price-gouging can be proved, legal action will be initiated, the ministry said.

MUBARAK-HUSSEIN

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exchanges between Peres and Mubarak, seen as an effort by the new government in Israel to improve relations with Egypt.

Mubarak's visit will also inevitably provoke speculation about a possible coordination of positions between Egypt and Jordan on future peace moves in the region — although any public position taken on this issue after today's summit is likely to be somewhat vague and noncommittal.

In their public statements on the question of peace since the renewal of relations last month, Egypt and Jordan have taken somewhat different positions.

Egypt has expressed its hope that the rapprochement with Jordan will pave the way for a renewed American peace initiative. Jordan, on the other hand, has been much more sceptical, reaffirming its opposition to Camp David and expressing its extreme doubts about the readiness either of the new Peres government or the U.S. Administration to make much headway. Hussein, in his parliamentary address last week, indicated that he favours a broadening of any new peace initiative to take in all the Arab parties involved, as well as both super-powers.

Neither side is likely substantially to shift its ground today, leaving any

major development in this direction to a more opportune moment some time after next month's presidential election in the U.S.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian parliament yesterday approved Hussein's decision to renew ties with Egypt, and urged other Arab states to follow suit.

The nominated 30-member House of Notables said Egypt's return to the Arab fold was a national necessity. The elected 60-member lower House of Deputies, which met separately, said the King's action, announced on September 25, was a step towards true Arab solidarity.

The two houses had met to prepare replies to Hussein's speech inaugurating a new parliamentary session last Monday after the summer recess.

The replies also endorsed the king's criticism of U.S. Middle East policy, as well as his call for an international Middle East Peace Conference under the aegis of the UN.

KEEP JERUSALEM BEAUTIFUL

READERS' LETTERS

DISTURBING BEHAVIOUR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I found the discussion in the Israeli press on the poor performance of Israel's Olympic athletes to be understandable, yet strangely puzzling.

However, it is as a Jew that I find Israel has much to be disturbed about when considering the team's performance. I do not refer to the efforts of these men and women on the field of athletic battle. Rather, I have in mind their behaviour in the dining room where they spurned all efforts on the part of the Los Angeles Olympic Committee to provide Israel's team with kosher food, in the very same way that the committee attended to the ethnic cultural preferences of all other groups in the matter of meals.

I do not naively assume that all members of the Israeli team observe kashrut; however, it seems to me that there ought to be a team attitude or relationship to this subject which should transcend the particular view of the non-observant team members, coaches and peripheral helpers.

It is obvious that all efforts of the Ministry of Education to inculcate Jewish consciousness failed in the past. That programme should be renewed with the full support of the entire community. It must become a national priority, with no less energy behind it than the investment in the sports programme itself.

The team's egocentric attitude may account for its lack of athletic distinction. And also, in part, for Israel's poor reputation in the work place, the lack of economic resolve, the annoying absence of civility and conventional amenities among the civil servants, and a less than acceptable display of manners.

JULIAN M. WHITE
Los Angeles.

SMALL CARS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Driving a large car as a status symbol is an outmoded concept. The modern universal trend favours a small zippy car as being more suited to crowded road conditions, lack of parking space and necessity of overall economy.

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A CHRISTIAN VIEW ON "APOCALYPSE, NO!"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Professor Arthur Mendel's article, "Apocalypse, no!" (September 25) which encourages moderation and tolerance in a land which has seen little of either over the past several years, is most welcome. Yet he uses generalizations in a way which is not helpful but indicates that, as regards Christianity, his understanding is at best limited.

Professor Mendel lists the rise of Christianity as the first among several tragic stages of messianic Judaism. While relations between Christians and Jews have not always been good and have often resulted in suffering for Jews, his statement implies that the totality of 2,000 years of Christianity has been nothing less than a disaster, and only that. Christian history is as complex a mixture of good and evil as Jewish history — and generalizations such as Mendel's, which lead to an emphasis on Torquemada and present-day Christian fanatics to the exclusion of the Albert Schweitzers and Mother Teresa, serve to perpetuate bias and misunderstanding.

To see the Gospels as only another sort of apocrypha and pseudo-epigrapha is to neglect the Gospel motif as a genre separate to itself. And to read only apocalypticism out of the Gospels is to indicate either that one has not read the Gospels thoroughly, or that one reads them with a blind partiality which isolates certain passages in order to prove a prejudiced proposition. Conversely, one might isolate certain passages in the Hebrew Bible to show that the "Jewish God" is a bloodthirsty con-

queror. But to do so is to neglect, to one's peril, an organic interpretation of the material.

Mendel's implied insistence on the Hellenism/Judaism dichotomy is another tempting oversimplification, much beloved of many scholars who cannot (or perhaps will not) admit that any given society (even that of First Century C.E. Palestine) is a bundle of complexities and puzzling admixtures.

The assertion that "the Gush Emunim and others who share their fantasies, embody an essentially Christian movement in Israel," seeks to avoid Jewish responsibility for Jewish fanaticism. Professor Mendel will not eradicate bloodthirstiness here by blaming it on Christians. He seems to appeal to what he feels is a subliminal anti-Christian feeling on the part of many Jews. If he can show that the fanatics have been influenced primarily by Christianity, then not only will he avoid Jewish responsibility for these haters, he will have succeeded in placing them in a Christian camp which is neither liked nor trusted by many Jews in the first place.

Christians and Jews alike through the centuries have been the recipients of unworthy blame, particularly when either happened to be in the minority (as Christians are in present-day Israel). No group is cured of its potential death-dealers by fobbing responsibility for them off on another group. It may, however, encourage more unwanted bigotry in the process.

Rev. LEWIS SHAW
Jerusalem.

VICTIMS OF MISREPRESENTATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We are volunteers currently participating in the July 1984 sessions of the Jewish Agency's Sherut La'Am long-term programmes. As teachers, nurses, social workers and other professionals from the U.S., we will be donating our services for a period of one year to development towns and other needy areas throughout Israel. In return, we were told that we would receive housing and a constant \$90 monthly stipend to cover basic food expenses. However, due to Israel's spiralling inflation rate, the stipend has been reduced to \$45 per month since our arrival 12 weeks ago — and in all likelihood will continue to diminish. At an average of \$1.45 per day, it can in no way cover our basic food expenses.

Having come to Israel with high ideals and a desire to help the country, we find it most distressing that many of us, who based our financial plans upon the more realistic higher figure, have found it necessary to seek paid positions in the large cities (thus defeating the purpose of a volunteer programme), and others may be forced to leave Israel entirely.

We have already taken several steps in our attempt to rectify the situation. During one 30-minute meeting, the Director of the Youth and Hehalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, Avraham Katz, sidestepped the issue of restoring the stipend cheques to their previously stated level. We have repeatedly encountered such evasion throughout our dealings with the Jewish Agency and its representatives. As of this writing, there has been no word on what action, if any, has been taken. All we have been told is that the Jewish Agency knew that, if we had been informed of the actual figure of the monthly stipend, most of us would not have participated in this programme.

We feel that we are the victims of misrepresentation and that the stipends should be restored to and maintained at their promised levels. Otherwise, the future success of Sherut La'Am and other such volunteer programmes will be at risk.

The Participants of the July 1984 Session of Sherut La'Am Long-Term Programmes (Signed by 22 participants)
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